

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 514, PATRIOT Act/FISA Extension Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S705–S763

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 347–358, and S. Res. 50–54. **Pages S746–47**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 50, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 52, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 53, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page S747**

Measures Passed:

PATRIOT Act/FISA Extension Act: By 86 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate passed H.R. 514, to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S727–31**

Adopted:

Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 90, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S727**

Measures Considered:

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 223, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S709–27, S731–39**

Adopted:

Nelson (NE) Modified Amendment No. 85 (to Amendment No. 58), to improve the amendment. **Pages S714–15**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 16), Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 58, to impose a criminal penalty for unauthorized recording or distribution of images produced using advanced imaging technology during screenings of individuals at airports and upon entry to Federal buildings. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S710, S713–15**

Blunt Modified Amendment No. 5, to require the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to reconsider certain applications from airports to authorize passenger and property screening to be carried out by a qualified private screening company and to report to Congress if the Under Secretary denies any such application. **Pages S709, S739**

Reid Amendment No. 55, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Mesquite, Nevada. **Pages S710, S739**

Rejected:

Paul Amendment No. 21, to reduce the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal year 2011 to the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Administration for fiscal year 2008. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 18), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S709, S720–27**

Withdrawn:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 17), Wicker Modified Amendment No. 14, to exclude employees of the Transportation Security Administration from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S709, S716–20**

Pending:

Rockefeller (for Wyden) Amendment No. 27, to increase the number of test sites in the National Airspace System used for unmanned aerial vehicles and to require one of those test sites to include a significant portion of public lands. **Page S709**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 7, to provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. **Pages S709, S732–33**

Rockefeller (for Ensign) Amendment No. 32, to improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems in the National Airspace System. **Page S709**

McCain Amendment No. 4, to repeal the essential air service program. **Pages S709, S715–16**

Rockefeller (for Leahy) Amendment No. 50, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, and to clarify the liability protection for volunteer pilots that fly for public benefit. **Pages S709–10**

Reid Amendment No. 54, to allow airports that receive airport improvement grants for the purchase of land to lease the land and develop the land in a manner compatible with noise buffering purposes. **Page S710**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 49, to authorize Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to exchange certain land conveyed to the County for airport purposes. **Pages S710, S731**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 51, to require that all advanced imaging technology used as a primary screening method for passengers be equipped with automatic target recognition software. **Pages S710, S732**

Paul Amendment No. 18, to strike the provisions relating to clarifying a memorandum of understanding between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. **Pages S710–13**

Rockefeller (for Baucus) Further Modified Amendment No. 75, of a perfecting nature. **Page S710**

Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 93 (to Modified Amendment No. 7), to provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. **Pages S733–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 7 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 17, 2011. **Page S734**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of

Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 7 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. **Page S762**

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S744**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S759–62**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S762**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S762**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—19) **Pages S714–31**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S762.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine fighting fraud and waste in Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Tony West, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Rebecca Nurick, Pennsylvania Senior Medicare Patrol Program, Philadelphia; and Robert Rolf, CGI Federal, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Vickers, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, after